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## Education

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### Undergraduate Studies:

Aix-Marseille School of Economics M.Sc. Economics and Social Sciences, <i>magna cum laude</i> Magister Big Data, <i>Cum Laude</i>	2016 – 2018
Côte d'Azur University Double Bachelor's Degree B.Sc. Economics & BA Sociology, <i>summa cum laude</i>	2013 - 2016

### Graduate Studies:

Aix-Marseille School of Economics Ph.D. Candidate in Economics Thesis Title: Violence Against Women in Developing Countries Expected Completion Date: June 2023	Present - 2018
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## Research Fields

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Primary Fields	Applied Microeconomics
Secondary Fields	Gender, Development, Family, Cultural Economics

## Teaching Experience

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### Sciences Po

Spring 2023

Economics of Gender Norms

Instructor

### Aix Marseille University (Undergraduate)

Spring 2019, 2022	Advanced Microeconomics	T.A.
Spring 2022	Thesis Writing	Instructor
Spring 2022	Introduction to Macroeconomics	T.A.
Spring 2020, 2021, 2022	Industrial Organization	T.A.
Fall 2019, 2020	Statistics	T.A.
Fall 2018	Applied Statistics for Social Sciences	T.A.

### Positions

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2022-2023	Temporary Lecturer, Science Po
January-April 2021	Visiting Ph.D. Student, LEAP, Bocconi University
May-July 2021	Visiting Ph.D. Student, UAB & Pompeu Fabra University

### Honors, Scholarships and Fellowships

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2018 - 2021	Ph.D. fellowship, Aix Marseille School of Economics
2019	Mobility Grant, Economic Research Forum
2013 - 2016	Merit Scholarship, French Ministry of Higher Education

### Professional Activities

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#### Invited Seminar

2022	Copenhagen Business School, Department Seminar SITE - Stockholm School of Economics
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#### Conferences and Workshop

2022	<b>NBER Summer Institute</b> (Job Market Paper), Pacific Conference for Development Economics ( <i>San Francisco</i> ), Development and Political Economics Graduate Conference ( <i>Stanford</i> ), EEA-ESEM ( <i>Bocconi</i> ), Novafrica ( <i>Nova</i> ), SEHO ( <i>UCL</i> ), 100 years of Economic Development ( <i>Cornell</i> ), African Meeting of the Econometric Society, LAGV ( <i>Marseille</i> ), EDGE Jamboree ( <i>Copenhagen</i> ), Canadian Economic Association,
2021	AEA/ASSA annual meeting, MEEA/ASSA annual meeting, Pacific Conference for Development Economics, European Winter Meeting of the Econometric Society, Annual Canadian Public Economics Group Conference, Workshop on Economics of Gender Norms ( <i>University Nottingham</i> )
2020	World Congress of the Econometric Society, Annual Congress of the European Economic Association, Delhi Winter School and Econometric Society, Cultural Economics and Finance ( <i>Trier</i> ) 13th RGS Doctoral Conference in Economics
2019	ERF 26th Annual Conference, Workshop on Gender and Economics ( <i>University of Luxembourg</i> )

#### Refereeing

*The World Bank Economic Review, Journal of Human Resources Human*

### Research Papers

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#### Job Market Paper

- **Female Genital Cutting and Bride Price.** [NBER Summer Institute [video link](#)]

*Abstract.* This paper explores the relationship between female genital cutting (FGC) and the marriage market. I develop a general equilibrium model of parents' decisions to cut their daughters, where the bride price, the groom's traditional payment to the bride's family upon marriage, is determined

endogenously in the marriage market. The model predicts that in a context where FGC is a marker of chastity, an unobservable but valuable trait in the marriage market, the practice increases the marital surplus, the bride price. I use a difference-in-differences approach and test the model's predictions on Egyptian data. I build a village-level dataset of the coverage of an anti-FGC campaign, using archive information on Egyptian radio transmitters and Irregular Terrain Model (ITM) software. I find that cohorts exposed to the campaign are 13% less likely to be cut and receive a 24% lower bride price. To further support my finding that FGC generates marriage market returns, I provide evidence suggesting that the scarcity of cut women led to an increase in their bride price. When investigating whether FGC is a marker of chastity, I find that the decline in FGC is substituted by an increase in pre-marital virginity testing and child marriage. Finally, to better understand whether these marriage market returns provide an incentive for parents to cut their daughters, I conduct a cross-Africa analysis. I find that the practice of bride price is associated with a 16% higher likelihood of a daughter being cut.

*Awarded: EEA UniCredit Econ Job Market Best Paper Award 2022*

### Working Papers

- **The Price of Silence: Marriage transfers and women's attitude toward intimate partner violence**

*Abstract.* Intimate partner violence (IPV) continues to be seen as justifiable in many cultures despite its devastating health effects on women. This paper proposes that the value of the traditional marriage payment- the dower- received by women at marriage constitutes a divorce constraint and influences their attitude toward Intimate Partner Violence (IPV). Using Jordanian data (JLMPS 2016), I provide the first empirical evidence of the dower's effect on women's well-being where despite considerable public effort, IPV remains widely accepted. I estimate the effect of the dower's value on women's attitude toward IPV. Using an instrumental variable strategy, I proxy unusual cash inflows from Gulf countries to Jordan with the real international oil price variations to instrument the dower's value. I find that a higher dower has a positive and significant impact on women's likelihood of considering IPV justified in a variety of domestic contexts. When I investigate mechanisms, my results are consistent with an intra-household model predicting that a higher dower reduces women's outside options, since women's access to unilateral divorce in Jordan is conditional on repayment of the dower.

*Featured: Women in Econ/Policy Newsletter, EEA Congress Media Briefings*

*Nominated: Best paper Award (2020), Delhi Winter School - Econometric Society*

### Work in Progress

- Harmful norms and the value of information: Evidence from a randomized experiment, *with Adnan Osman and Linh Tô*
- Female Genital Cutting and Intimate Partner Violence, *with Eugenia Frezza*
- Analysing Markets for Chastity: A Structural Approach
- The legacy of slavery on domestic violence: historical perspectives from the US, *with Soeava Vitollezzi*